



## Questions and Topics for Discussion The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles

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1. Why do you think the author chose to write about Ruby Bridges' Story?
2. What was unfair about the schools in New Orleans?
3. What does "segregation" mean?
4. How did the actions of Ruby Bridges and her family shape the history of the United States?
5. Why were people angry with Ruby?
6. Why did Ruby's family have to leave their home in Mississippi?
7. What is a federal marshal? Use the following sentence to help you answer the question: "The President of the United States ordered federal marshals to walk with Ruby into the school building."
8. How would you feel if you were Ruby?
9. How do you think the other students at the school felt about Ruby?
10. How did Ruby's parents feel about her being chosen to go to an all-white school?
11. How did Ruby act when she saw the crowd of people each morning?
12. What was it like for Ruby when she walked into her new school on the first day?
13. How has life changed since the 1960s?
14. What can you do to make the world a better place?
15. What would you tell Ruby if you had the chance to meet her?
16. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Who else should read this?

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